

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A dot matrix type display element comprising:

a pair of translucent substrates;

stripe-shaped transparent electrode films respectively formed on the translucent substrates; and

a light shielding part formed on at least one of the translucent substrates,

wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the display element comprises a variable display part made of a region where the light shielding part is not provided and a fixed display part made of an opening of the light shielding part,

wherein said light shielding part is provided around the opening to have a predetermined width larger than a diagonal length of a pixel, and

wherein said predetermined width corresponds to an offset between the inner periphery of the opening of the light shielding part and an outer periphery of the fixed display part.

Claims 2-3 (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A display device comprising:

a pointer including an indicating part;

pointer driving means for rotating the pointer; and

a display element including an index part indicated by the indicating part,

~~characterized in that~~

wherein the display element comprises a pair of translucent substrates, stripe-shaped transparent electrode films respectively formed on the translucent substrates, and a light shielding part provided on at least one of the translucent substrates, and

wherein the index part is made of an opening of the light shielding part and the light shielding part is provided around the opening to have a predetermined width larger than a diagonal length of a pixel, and

wherein said predetermined width corresponds to an offset of the inner periphery of the opening of the light shielding part and an outer periphery of the fixed display part.

5. (Original) A display device according to claim 4, characterized in that the display element includes a hole part formed in a place corresponding to a rotation shaft of the pointer driving means.

6. (Original) A display device according to claim 4, characterized in that a light emitting element for illuminating the display element from behind is provided.

7. (Original) A display device characterized by comprising:

a first display plate including a fixed display part; and

a second display plate made of a dot matrix type display element and disposed in front of or behind the first display plate.

8. (Original) A display device characterized by comprising:

a pointer including an indicating part;

pointer driving means for rotating the pointer;

a first display plate including a fixed display part indicated by the indicating part; and
a second display plate made of a dot matrix type display element and disposed in front of
or behind the first display plate.

9. (Original) A display device according to claim 8, characterized in that the first display plate and the second display plate respectively include hole parts formed in places corresponding to a rotation shaft of the pointer driving means.

10. (Original) A display device according to claim 8, characterized in that the fixed display part is made of an opening of a light shielding part, and the light shielding part is provided around the fixed display plate to have a predetermined width.

11. (Original) A display device according to claim 10, characterized in that the predetermined width is larger than a diagonal length of a pixel of the second display plate.

12. (Currently Amended) A display device according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 8, characterized in that a light emitting element for illuminating the second display plate is provided.